

## YOUNG LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE FELLOWSHIP (YLA) OVERVIEW

YLA Fellows are mid-career entrepreneurs from 37 countries across Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. These innovative leaders will come to the U.S. for a four-week professional fellowship and the YLA Closing Forum. They will work with U.S. businesses to learn, share expertise, develop their business skills, and build networks.

\*Please note that if safe travel is not possible at the time of the YLA Fellowship, this program will be conducted virtually.



### FOUR-WEEK PLACEMENTS:

In cities across the United States, YLA Fellows gain valuable professional development skills and experience at U.S. entrepreneurial organizations from each Fellow's business sector. Fellows collaborate with their fellowship host on their Entrepreneurial Leadership Action Plan, which they implement upon return to their home countries.

YLA FELLOWS PARTICIPATE IN A VIRTUAL OPENING ORIENTATION AND THE YLA CLOSING FORUM IN **WASHINGTON, D.C.**, AS WELL AS NETWORKING EVENTS WITH:



U.S. Top Business Leaders



U.S. Entrepreneurial Leaders



U.S. Government Representatives



Small, Medium and Large Businesses

### POST-FELLOWSHIP SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT:

After successful completion of the U.S. Fellowship and YLA Entrepreneurship Institute, YLA Fellows continue their collaboration with U.S. partners and have access to ongoing professional development opportunities, mentorships, networking, and alumni activities. YLA Fellows will have the chance to welcome a Fellowship host to their country through the Outbound Program, sharing their expertise on the entrepreneurship climate in their country.



84%

ATTRACTED  
NEW  
RESOURCES



94%

FELT  
PREPARED  
TO FIND  
FUNDING



98%

APPLIED  
WHAT THEY  
LEARNED  
IN THE U.S.

A YEAR AFTER  
RETURNING  
FROM THEIR

YLA  
FELLOWSHIPS

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